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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GDR EFFORT TO INCORPORATE EAST
BERLIN

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1. PER REF B, THREE ALLIES ON DECEMBER 14 CONSIDERED
REPORTED POSSIBLE GDR EFFORT TO INCORPORATE EAST
BERLIN THROUGH VOLKSKAMMER MEASURES. BRITISH AND
FRENCH REPS FELT STRONGLY THAT US SIDE WAS OVER-

REACTING TO WHAT APPEARED TO BE ENTIRELY FLIMSY RUMOR.
FRENCH REP SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN BERLIN EARLIER
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IN WEEK AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE REPORT WAS TOO WEAK

TO JUSTIFY ANY ALLIED CONCERN. UK REP SAID HIS MISSION HAD INFO BUT THOUGHT SO LITTLE OF IT THAT MISSION HAD NOT EVEN REPORTED IT.

2. US REP PRESSED NONETHELESS FOR REVIEW OF BQD-CC-24, IN WHICH ALLIES JOINED DEC. 14. UK AND FRENCH REPS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER STUDY BE DONE BY BERLIN MISSIONS WITH USBER TAKING THE LEAD. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING OTHER ACCESS PLANS BUT INITIALLY SEE NO OTHERS WITH SUCH DIRECT BEARING ON PROBLEM OF STATUS OF EAST BERLIN. USBER MAY WISH ALSO TO UNDERTAKE SIMILAR REVIEW. NEITHER OF ALLIES WAS IN FAVOR OF CRANKING UP FQP SCENARIO, WHICH THEY THOUGHT COULD BE DRAWN UP ON EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE. (US EMBASSY IS NEVERTHELESS PREPARING TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN FQP FORUM SHOULD THIS BECOME NECESSARY.)

3. USBER SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES CONSIDER PRE-EMPTIVE DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS (REF C) FULLY DISCUSSED DECEMBER 14. BRITISH (CROMARTIE) AND FRENCH (PAYE) REPS BOTH STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION. CROMARTIE PARTICULARLY FELT ALLIES WOULD BE UNWISE TO GEAR UP FOR SUCH MEASURES IN ABSENCE OF ANY FIRMER INFORMATION THAN THAT REPORTED REF A. PAYE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS VIEW, COMMENTING THAT FRENCH REPORTS FROM BERLIN DID NOT APPEAR TO CONVEY URGENCY OF SITUATION TO EXTENT OF FRENCH-BASED US REPORT. PAYE ALSO INSISTED THAT MATTER BE KEPT ON TRIPARTITE BASIS FOR THE TIME BEING. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD PLAN TO BRING GERMANS INTO QUESTION WHEN PROSPECTIVE COURSE OF ACTION VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS AND CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE FURTHER ALONG.

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